

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT
July 9, 2004

ITEM: 14

SUBJECT: **POTENTIAL LAND ACQUISITION AND OTHER PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

Mark Marney (Project Officer II, Park Planning Division, Park and Recreation, City of San Diego) and Lane MacKenzie (Supervisor, Acquisition/Relocation Division, Real Estate Assets, City of San Diego) will provide an overview of the highest priority potential land acquisition and other project opportunities within the City of San Diego. (*Ellen Oppenheim*)

PURPOSE: Information item. To present potential land acquisition and non-acquisition projects within the City of San Diego (City).

DISCUSSION:

Acquisition Projects

City staff has identified the four highest priority parcels for potential acquisition within the City's jurisdiction as (1) Cannery Row; (2) Mid-West TV; (3) Denton Property; and (4) the Grant Property. As described in the City's attached summary "*San Diego River Property Acquisition*" (Supporting Document 1), the City is in the preliminary stages of researching these four unimproved sites. The summary includes maps indicating parcel locations¹. Two additional properties, Alpine Glass and Superior, are slated for investigation in the near future.

Non-Acquisition Projects

The City will also present two high priority non-acquisition projects for potential funding, a bike path construction project and a habitat restoration project. The bike path project, including map and cost estimate, is described in the City's attached summary "*Ocean Beach Bike Path/Hotel Circle North Bikeway Project (CIP #58-156.0)*" (Supporting Document 2). The habitat restoration project and cost estimate is described in the City's "*Mission Valley Preserve Habitat Enhancement Program*" (Supporting Document 3). The Mission Valley Preserve is a 52-acre river corridor at the west end of Mission Valley near Highway 5.

¹ Parcels 2 and 4 appear to be mislabeled (interchanged) on the maps.

Summary

In the big picture, it will be my recommendation that the Conservancy use the remaining \$7.8 million (Proposition 40) earmarked for the San Diego River to fund at least one project in all Conservancy Program areas, if possible. This approach will provide an early demonstration of the scope and breadth of the Conservancy's mission. The potential projects presented by the City today represent three important Program areas, Acquisition, Recreation, and Habitat Restoration².

LEGAL CONCERNS: None.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

SUPPORTING
DOCUMENTS:

1. *"San Diego River Property Acquisition"*
2. *"Ocean Beach Bike Path/Hotel Circle North Bikeway Project (CIP #58-156.0)"*
3. *"Mission Valley Preserve Habitat Enhancement Program"*

RECOMMENDATION: Agendize one or more City projects for further consideration and potential funding at upcoming Board Meeting.

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Although I generally support undertaking projects in multiple Programs, I would not recommend doing so at the expense of missing an opportunity for acquiring an available "ready" property.